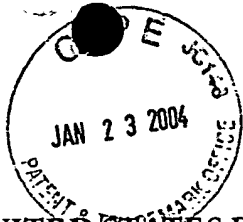


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this amendment.

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003.

An automatic two month extension of time to respond, up to and including January 26, 2004, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

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